

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 675
By Scroggs

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend the Houston High School Concert Choir.

WHEREAS, the Houston High School Concert Choir, expertly directed by Ron Norton, has a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Houston High Concert Choir has successfully performed at the United States Capitol, by invitation of the White House at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, at Carnegie Hall and at the Disney World EPCOT Center; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Concert Choir has performed with the Memphis Symphony at the Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in television performances, at civic organizations, churches, school concerts and as demonstration groups at educational workshops; and

WHEREAS, on March 13th and 14th, 1998, the Concert Choir performed in several concerts in Germantown's Sister City of Konigs Wusterhausen, Germany; and

WHEREAS, before their trip, the Concert Choir had been designated Musical Ambassadors to Germantown's Sister City; and

WHEREAS, their popular concerts in Germantown's Sister City have served to reinforce the bonds between these two communities and their cultures; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented group include: Austin Baker, Ryan Baker, Jessica Bartz, Kristin Blair, Jason Blair, Courtney Bolding, Cristi Bramlett, Katie Brow, Catherine

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Clausi, William Compton, Ben Crizer, Jana Crotty, Rachel Duke, April DeMoss, Justin Gee, Beth Goodin, Mike Gonitzke, Kasey Gregory, Meredith Hamner, Chip Hudson, Andrea Karl, Jamie Laws, Kristi Ludwig, Rachel Luhm, Tasha Marsh, Jeff McAlexander, Marc McConnaughy, Justin Moore, John Moss, Mary Ann Mower, Kate Mullins, Peter O'Donnell, Brian Polak, Michael Poole, Alyssa Scarborough, Emily Smith, Emily Taylor, Megan Van Wagoner, Preston Warford, Ken Weatherford, Bri Wilson, Marta Zaborowski and Katie Zurface.

Accompanying the choir were: Ron and Angela Norton, John and Jody Aitkin, Mark and Dee Anne Blair, Charles and Donna Bartz, Rita Compton, Jerry and Shirley Gee, Jim and Sharon Goldsworthy, Wendell and Debra McAlexander, Elizabeth McAlexander, Martha Zaborowski and Leesa Zurface; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Houston High School Concert Choir and its director, Ron Norton, on their successful tour of Konigs Wusterhausen, Germany, and for their successful effort to build bridges between these two cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the group's members our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution with this final resolving clause deleted, be presented to the school and to each person named above.